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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF
\$25 MILLION TO PUBLIC AGENCIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT,
REPOWER, OR RETROFIT OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

The staff of the California Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) will conduct a public workshop at the time and place noted below to discuss proposed concepts for the allocation of \$25 million to public agencies for the purchase of new construction equipment. The ARB staff will present draft concepts and the timeline for expenditure of the funds.

With the passage of the Transportation and Air Quality Bond on November 7, 2006, significant funding will be available for the replacement and retrofit of high polluting school buses. In accordance with the 2006-2007 Budget Bill, AB 1801, Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006, \$25 million originally allocated for the replacement of older school buses is to be redirected as grants to public agencies to purchase low-polluting construction equipment. These funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2007.

The public workshop will be held at the following time and place:

DATE: November 30, 2006
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
TOPIC: Allocation of \$25 Million to Public Agencies for the Replacement,
Repower, or Retrofit of Construction Equipment
PLACE: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

A meeting agenda is enclosed. For those unable to attend in person, the workshop will also be webcast. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/calwbcst.php>. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Copies of the draft proposed concepts and staff's presentation will be available prior to the workshop at <http://arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/incentive.htm> .

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If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Edie Chang, Manager, at (916) 322-6924, or by email at echang@arb.ca.gov or Ms. Johanna Levine, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-6971, or by email at jlevine@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure

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Agenda

1. Introduction
2. ARB Staff Presentation
 - a. Proposed Concepts
 - b. Proposed Timeline
3. Discussion and Public Comment
4. Next Steps

Excerpted from 2006-2007 Budget Bill, AB 1801, Chapter 47, Statutes of 2006 (Chaptered on June 30, 2006). Excerpted language is on page 256 of the Budget Bill

Provisions:

2. Of the funds appropriated in this item, \$25,000,000 shall be available for grants to public agencies to purchase low-polluting construction equipment if the Transportation and Air Quality Bond is passed by the voters at the November 4, 2006, general election; otherwise, these funds are allocated for replacement of pre-1977 model-year school buses.